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**MEMORANDUM FOR:** Chief, Atomic/Biological/Chemical Division, OSI

**ATTENTION:** [REDACTED]

**FROM:** Chief, CIA/PID(MPIC)

**SUBJECT:** Search for Possible Uranium Ore Processing Plant, Egypt

**REFERENCE:** Requirement No. C SI-3-80,494  
CIA Project No. C 1160-63

1. As requested, the area within a forty statute mile radius of El Faiyum (29-19N 30-50E) was searched for the "large rectangular building with three large stacks in a deep wadi about forty miles east of Faiyum which may be for processing uranium ore" that was observed [REDACTED] during a flight over the area. Good quality [REDACTED] was used for the search.

2. In the area searched there is only one site that can possibly be that observed [REDACTED]. This site is located at 29-25N 31-31E, exactly forty statute miles east of Faiyum in a deep wadi (Wadi El Rishrash) and it appears to be an Egyptian motel type of facility for people traveling across the desert between the Nile River and the Gulf of Suez on camel-back. There are four small buildings and three very small structures at this site. Three of the four buildings and what appear to be three cylindrical objects (probably water tanks) are located against the escarpment and apparently for protection against falling rock a long dike has been built alongside the buildings. The three water tanks and the dike, give the appearance of a "long building with three stacks" and apparently is the facility referred to by the attache.

3. It is also noteworthy that according to AMS map series P502, sheet EH 36-10, a good well, called Bir Afendina, and the only well in the area, is located at this site.

4. The photo analyst on this project is [REDACTED] who may be contacted on extension [REDACTED] should you have further questions regarding this project. This memorandum completed the referenced requirement.

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